

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-5 (Cancelled)

Claims 13-23 (Cancelled)

Claims 43-58 (Cancelled) and

Claims 101-113 (Cancelled)

Claim 6. (Currently amended) A method of providing at a processing station an indication of a transaction provided for a client and defined by a plurality of specified parameters for the client, including the steps of:

providing legacy transactions, and ~~[[the]]~~ costs of ~~performing~~ the legacy transactions, meeting the plurality of specified parameters for the client,

providing individual transactions, and ~~the~~ costs of ~~performing~~ the individual transactions, constituting other than the legacy transactions and meeting the plurality of specified parameters for the client,

providing for a display, on a first portion of ~~[[the]]~~ a display screen, of each of the legacy transactions and the cost of ~~performing~~ each of the legacy transactions, and

providing for a display, on a second portion of the display screen different from the first portion of the display screen, of each of the individual transactions and the cost of ~~performing~~ each of the individual transactions for the client.

Claim 7. (Currently amended) A method as set forth in claim 6 wherein the legacy transactions for the client are airline flights from an originating position to a destination on a particular date and ~~[[the]]~~ costs of the legacy transactions are provided through a wide area network to the first portion of the display screen and wherein

the individual transactions for the client are airline flights from the originating position to the destination on the particular date and wherein each of the individual transactions, and the cost of each of the individual transactions, are provided through the internet to the second portion of the display screen.

Claim 8. (Currently amended) A method as set forth in claim 7 wherein the costs of the legacy flights ~~are established~~ and published prices normally charged for the legacy flights are established and wherein the costs of the individual flights are prices discounted from the normally charged prices.

Claim 9. (Currently amended) A method as set forth in claim 7 wherein the legacy flights are the flights provided by a first group of airlines and the costs of the legacy flights ~~are established~~ and published prices normally charged by these airlines for these flights are established and wherein the individual flights are flights by airlines other than the first group of airlines and the costs of these individual flights are the prices charged by the other airlines for these flights.

Claim 10. (Currently amended) A method as set forth in claim 6 wherein the legacy transactions are cruises from an originating position to a destination on a particular date for the client and wherein the legacy transactions and ~~[[the]]~~ costs of the legacy transactions are provided through a wide area network to the first portion of the display screen and wherein the individual transactions are cruises from the originating position~~[[s]]~~ to the destination~~[[s]]~~ on the particular date for the client and wherein each of the individual transactions and ~~the costs~~ of each of the individual transactions are provided through the internet to the second portion of the display screen and wherein

the costs of the legacy cruises are the prices normally charged for the cruises and wherein the costs of the individual cruises are the prices discounted from the normally charged prices for the cruises.

Claim 11. (Currently amended) A method as set forth in claim 6 wherein the legacy transactions are car rentals from a first group of car rental agencies and ~~[[the]]~~ costs of the car rentals from the first group of rental agencies are established and wherein the legacy transactions and ~~the~~ costs of the legacy transactions are indicated in the first portion of the display screen and wherein the individual transactions are car rentals from car rental agencies other than the first group of car rental agencies and wherein the individual transactions and the costs of the individual transactions are indicated in the second portion of the display screen.

Claim 12. (Currently amended) A method as set forth in claim 6 wherein the legacy transactions are hotel reservations from a first group of hotels and ~~[[the]]~~ costs of the hotel reservations from the first group of hotels are established and wherein the legacy transactions and ~~[[the]]~~ costs of the legacy transactions are indicated in the first portion of the display screen and wherein the individual transactions are from hotel reservations other than the first group of hotels and wherein the individual transactions and the costs of the individual transactions are indicated in the second portion of the display screen.

Claim 24. (Currently amended) A method of providing at a processing station an indication of a transaction provided for a client and defined by a plurality of specified parameters, including the steps of:

providing, in a first protocol, a plurality of legacy transactions including the cost of performing each of the transactions,

providing, in a second protocol different from the first protocol, a plurality of individual transactions including the cost of performing each of the transactions, the individual transactions for the client being different from the legacy transactions for the client,

providing a protocol compatible with the first and second protocols to obtain in the compatible protocol the indications of the legacy transactions and the individual transactions,

providing a display in a first portion of [[the]] a display screen, using the compatible protocol, of the legacy transactions,

providing a display in a second portion of the display screen, using the compatible protocol, of the individual transactions

the first and second portions of the display screen being different.

Claim 25. (Currently amended) A method as set forth in claim 24 wherein the legacy transactions are flights between originating positions and destinations of scheduled flights on particular days at prices established and published by specific airlines and offered to the public and wherein

the individual flights are the specific legacy flights at prices discounted from the established and published prices and flights provided by airlines other than the specific airlines.

Claim 26. (Currently amended) A method of providing at a processing station an indication of a minimal price for a transaction, including the steps of:

providing prices for the transactions at the processing station from a plurality of first sources offering established and published prices for the transaction,

providing for the transmission of the published prices from the first sources to the processing station,

providing from the first sources prices discounted for the transactions from the published prices from the first sources and prices from sources other than the first sources,

providing for the transmission of the discounted prices from the first sources, and prices from the other sources, to the processing station, and

displaying the published prices from the first sources and the discounted prices from the first sources and from the other sources simultaneously on a display screen at the processing station.

Claim 27. (Currently amended) A method as set forth in claim 26 [[28]]

wherein

the published prices for the transactions are provided with a first protocol and wherein

the discounted prices for the transactions and the prices from the other sources are provided with a second protocol different from the first protocol and wherein

the first and second protocols are made compatible and wherein

the published prices and the discounted prices in the compatible ~~format~~ protocol are displayed simultaneously on the display screen.

Claim 28. (Currently amended) A method as set forth in claim 26 [[28]], including the steps of:

providing prices for the ~~transaction~~ transactions at the processing station from at least one second source offering published prices for the second source, the second source being different from the first source,

providing for the transmission of the published prices from the at least one second source to the processing station, and

displaying the published prices from the at least one second source on the display screen simultaneously with the display of ~~the published prices and the published~~ and discounted prices from the first sources and the other sources.

Claim 29. (Currently amended) A method as set forth in claim 28 wherein the published prices from the at least one second source ~~[[is]]~~ are provided with a protocol different from ~~[[one of]]~~ the first and second protocols and wherein the protocol from the at least one second source is made compatible with the ~~compatible~~ first and second protocols and wherein the published prices and discount prices from the first sources and the published price from the at least one second source, in the compatible format, are displayed simultaneously on the display screen.

Claim 30. (Currently amended) A method as set forth in claim ~~[[31]]~~ 29 wherein the published prices from the first sources in the compatible format are displayed on a first portion of the display screen and wherein the discounted prices from the first sources, and the published prices from the at least one second source, are displayed in the compatible format on a second portion of the display screen displaced from the first portion of the display screen.

Claim 31. (Currently amended) A method of providing for billing a particular transaction, including the steps of:

providing in a legacy server legacy transactions, and ~~the~~ prices of performing the legacy transactions, relating to the particular transaction,

providing in at least a second server individual transactions, and [[the]]  
prices of ~~performing~~ the individual transactions, relating to the particular transaction, the  
individual transactions being different from the legacy transactions.

providing, at a processing ~~station,~~ station, displaced from the legacy server,  
a database having a volatile memory for storing indications of the legacy transactions  
relating to the particular transaction and the prices of ~~performing~~ the legacy transactions,  
and indications of the individual transactions and the prices of ~~performing~~ the individual  
transactions,

indicating in the database a selected one of the legacy transactions and the  
individual transactions as the particular transaction and indicating the price for  
~~performing~~ the selected one of the legacy and individual transactions, and

communicating to the legacy server the indications of the selected one of  
the legacy and individual transactions and the price for ~~performing~~ the selected one of the  
legacy and individual transactions.

Claim 32. (Currently amended) A method as set forth in claim 31, including  
the steps of:

providing a printer at the legacy server, and  
printing in the printer at the legacy server a ticket providing for ~~the~~  
~~performance of~~ the selected one of the legacy and individual transactions as the particular  
transaction at the time of the selection of the legacy.

Claim 33. (Previously amended) A method as set forth in claim 31 wherein  
the legacy transactions have a first protocol and wherein  
the individual transactions have at least a second protocol different from the  
first protocol and wherein

the database at the processing station provides a protocol compatible with the first protocol and the at least second protocol and processes the legacy transactions and the individual transactions in the compatible protocol.

Claim 34. (Currently amended) A method as set forth in claim 36 [[33]]

wherein

the indications of the legacy transactions are provided to the database at the processing station through the a wide area network and wherein

the indications of the individual transactions are provided through the internet to the database at the processing station.

Claim 35. (Previously amended) A method as set forth in claim 33 wherein

the transactions are airline flights on a particular date between a particular originating location and a particular destination and wherein

the legacy transactions are airline flights serviced by a global distribution system including Sabre, Galileo, Amadeus and Worldspan and provided by a number of the major airlines and wherein

the individual transactions are airline flights provided by a number of airlines other than those serviced by the global distribution system.

Claim 36. (Previously amended) A method as set forth in claim 35 wherein

the legacy transactions have a first protocol and wherein

the individual transactions have at least a second protocol different from the first protocol and wherein

the database at the processing station provides a protocol compatible with the first protocol and the at least second protocol and processes the legacy transactions and the individual transactions in the compatible protocol and wherein



the indications of the legacy transactions are provided to the database at the processing station through a wide area network and wherein

the indications of the individual transactions are provided through the internet to the database at the processing station and wherein

the transactions are airline flights on a particular date between a particular originating location and a particular destination and wherein

the legacy transactions are airline flights serviced by a global distribution system, including Sabre, Galileo, Amadeus and Worldspan and provided by a number of the major airlines and wherein

the individual transactions are airline flights provided by a number of airlines other than those serviced by the global distribution system.

Claim 37. (Currently amended) A method as set forth in claim ~~[[33]]~~ 34, including the steps of:  
providing an accounting application at the legacy server, and  
operating the accounting application at the legacy server to provide an accounting record of the selected one of the legacy and individual transactions as the particular transaction and to provide an accounting record of the price of the selected one of the transactions.

Claim 38. (Currently amended) A method of providing at a processing station for a  
billing of a particular transaction, including the steps of:  
providing legacy transactions and ~~[[the]] a price of performing the legacy~~  
transactions,  
providing individual transactions and ~~[[the]] a price of performing the~~  
individual transactions,

providing a local area network and a printer at the processing station,  
providing at the processing station a database for storing volatile  
information including a selected one of the legacy transactions and the individual  
transactions, and the price of ~~performing~~ the selected one of the legacy transactions and  
the individual transactions, as the particular transaction,

providing for the passage through the internet to the printer of the selected  
one of the legacy transactions and the individual transactions as the particular transaction  
and of the ~~price for performing~~ cost of the selected one of the legacy transactions and the  
individual transactions, and

printing at the printer the selected one of the legacy transactions and the  
individual transactions and the cost of ~~performing~~ the selected one of the legacy  
transactions and the individual transactions.

Claim 39. (Currently amended) A method as set forth in claim ~~[[40]]~~ 38

wherein

the legacy transactions and the price of ~~performing~~ the legacy transactions  
are transmitted to the processing station through a wide area network and wherein

the individual transactions and the price of ~~performing~~ the individual  
transactions are transmitted to the processing station through the internet.

Claim 40. (Currently amended) A method as set forth in claim 38 wherein

the legacy transactions are provided in a first protocol and wherein

the individual transactions are provided in a second protocol different from  
the first protocol and wherein

the first and second protocols are made compatible at the processing  
station.

Claim 41. (Currently amended) A method as set forth in claim 40 wherein the legacy transactions and the price is for ~~performing~~ the legacy transactions are displayed in a first portion of a display screen at the processing station and wherein

the individual transactions and the prices for ~~performing~~ the individual transactions are displayed in a second portion of the display screen at the processing station.

Claim 42. (Currently amended) A method as set forth in claim 41 wherein the legacy transactions are provided in a first protocol and wherein the individual transactions are provided in a second protocol and wherein the first and second protocols are made compatible at the processing station and wherein

the legacy transactions and the price for ~~performing~~ the legacy transactions are displayed in a first portion of a display screen at the processing station and wherein

the individual transactions and the prices for ~~performing~~ the individual transactions are displayed in a second portion of the display screen at the processing station.

PLEASE ADD THE FOLLOWING CLAIM:

Claim 43. (New) A method as set forth in claim 32, including the step of:

simultaneously printing in the printer at the legacy server the cost of the ticket providing for the selected one of the legacy and individual transactions as the particular transaction.